

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RULE 155 - STAGE 2 EPISODE ACTIONS

(Adopted 9/17/91)

The Air Pollution Control Officer shall declare a Stage 2 Episode whenever the Stage 2 Episode criteria specified in Rule 151 are attained or predicted. Upon declaration of a Stage 2 Episode the Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the Office of Emergency Services, continue implementing the actions initiated pursuant to Rule 154, and:

- A. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall announce the occurrence or prediction of a Stage 2 Episode using the procedures established pursuant to Rule 152. The announcement shall include:
 - 1. Health warnings appropriate for a Stage 2 Ozone Episode in accordance with the California Air Pollution Emergency Plan.
 - 2. The specific ozone level predicted or reached.
 - 3. The predicted duration of the episode including the predicted time of episode termination. If the ozone concentration persists or is predicted to persist at episode levels past the originally predicted termination time, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall re-declare the episode using the procedures in Rule 152.
 - 4. The receptor areas currently affected or predicted to be affected.
- B. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall direct all employers subject to Rule 159 to implement the Stage 2 Episode traffic abatement procedures contained in Rule 159.
- C. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall direct owners or operators subject to Rule 158 to implement their approved Stage 2 Episode source abatement plans and to prepare for possible shutdown in anticipation that the APCD may require the facility to close if Stage 3 Episode criteria are reached.
- D. The APCO shall prohibit the loading and off loading of marine tankers containing petroleum products with a Reid vapor pressure greater than 1.5 pounds per square inch.
- E. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall study all pertinent information relating to the concentration of air contaminants involved in the episode to determine actions to be taken. Those actions may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. The program of previously developed actions, as developed under Rules 158 and 159.
 - 2. Postponing construction and demolition.
 - 3. Banning the use of fleet vehicles, including government vehicles except those vehicles necessary to the health and welfare of the public.

4. Banning the delivery of all non-perishable goods.
 5. Banning all service vehicles and all service calls, except those necessary to the health and welfare of the public.
 6. Closing all government offices except those necessary to the health and welfare of the public.
 7. Closing establishments with 100 or more employees, except those necessary to the health and welfare of the public.
 8. Closing admission to public recreation facilities.
 9. Closing admission to private recreational facilities such as theaters, shows and athletic events with more than 1,000 parking spaces.
 10. Closing admission to shopping centers with more than 1,000 parking spaces.
 11. Closing all schools and colleges.
 12. Reduction of electrical generation in accordance with minimum NO_x dispatch procedures consistent with the public health, welfare, and safety, and the extent customers reduce electrical demand upon request of the District.
 13. Other measures as required to protect the health and safety of the public.
- F. Whenever the Air Pollution Control Officer determines it necessary, the Air Pollution Control Board may take any action required by this rule with less than a quorum present. A majority vote of the members present is required for any such action.
- The Air Pollution Control Officer shall implement any actions recommended by the Air Pollution Control Board.
- G. Whenever a Stage 2 Episode is forecast or declared, radio and television stations shall be requested to broadcast, at least once each hour, the pertinent facts and be requested to inform the public of the actions taken in accordance with the provisions of this rule.
- H. Following the declaration of a Stage 2 Episode, the Air Pollution Control Officer may request law enforcement agencies to announce the declaration of the episode to the general public by means of public announcements from those agencies' vehicles and aircraft.
- I. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall inform the California Air Resources Board when the ozone concentration is observed to reach 0.40 ppm and again at 0.45 ppm.